

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.



29th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me." - Lk 18:5

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THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday	St. Anthony's—Lakin
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers
5:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	HPRV
9:30 am	Mass
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting
Wednesday	St. Raphael's /Syra.
7:30 am (MT)	Rosary
8:00 am (MT)	Mass
Thursday	St. Anthony's —Lakin
11: 00 am	Confessions
11:45 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass

Friday

7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers
8:00 am	Mass
8:30—10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

Saturday

3—3:50 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)
5:20 pm	Confessions (Christ the King)
6:00 pm	Mass (Christ the King)

Sunday Lakin & Syracuse

8:00 –8:50 am	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)
9:50-10:25 am	Confessions
10:30 am (MT)	Mass (St. Raphael)

St. Anthony's—Lakin

COLLECTION FOR 10-12-2025

Envelopes: \$1,055

Loose: \$446

Online Giving: \$1,573.20

Total: \$3,074.20

Average Weekly Exp.: \$1,761.17

Surplus for the Week: 1,313.03



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DEAR PADRE,

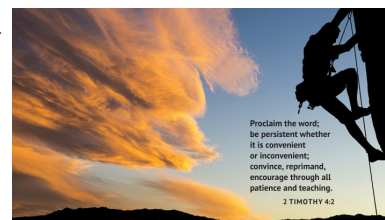
What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy? The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves. If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol.



THE WINDOW GOD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God. So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 19, 2025

First Reading: As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalms: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night. Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:7-8)

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God, You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone. Amen.

REFLECT FOR THIS WEEK

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

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Aitar Society



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Ladies of parish we are responsible for having breakfast for our parish on

Sunday Oct. 26. So ladies put your aprons on and whip up your favorite breakfast dish and bring it to our parish breakfast. All breakfast stuff will be most appreciated. Thanks so much.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27)... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meeting weekly on Wednesday Evenings

7:30 pm—Parish Hall

St. Anthony's Parish

PRAISE WORSHIP & ADORE

Using our minds, hearts, and voices to praise Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

October 22nd 2025

6:30-8:00PM

Everyone is welcome to join together again for a night of prayer and worship lead by Christopher Rowden, a musician from Wichita, KS, as we adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist. CCD kids should attend class as normal and will walk over together to attend.

19 de octubre de 2025 - XXIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La forma de actuar de Dios es muy diferente a la nuestra. A veces, con nuestras súplicas, queremos moldear a nuestro modo el actuar de Dios. Es por eso que muchas veces se pierde la esperanza: porque deseamos que las cosas sucedan cuando queremos y como queremos. Sin embargo, la Palabra de Dios nos invita a ser perseverantes en la oración: "*Predica la Palabra, insiste a tiempo y a destiempo, corrige, reprende y exhorta con toda paciencia y doctrina*" (2 Timoteo 4:2).

En lo que respecta a la injusticia, se necesita una tenacidad descomunal; es decir, no desmayar ante las adversidades, como lo demuestran los personajes de la parábola de hoy. San Efrén (306–373), en su Comentario al Diatesarón, escribe: "*De hecho, la perseverancia de la viuda humilló la iniquidad del juez rebelde a Dios y la insolencia arrogante contra los hombres. La voluntad de la viuda las sometió, y de esta manera pudo encontrar justicia ante su adversario. La oración inoportuna transformó las dos ramas amargas para que dieran frutos dulces, ajenos a su naturaleza... El fruto de la justicia es la correcta atribución de los oprimidos, y el fruto de la bondad es el consuelo de los afligidos*". Oremos hoy por todas las personas que buscan justicia, luchando día a día hasta encontrarla. Tengamos la seguridad de que Dios, en su infinita bondad, escucha sus ruegos, porque Él es justo y su misericordia no tiene límites.

"Love is never defeated."

St. John Paul II

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
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Parish C. Chair: Gwen Waechter	272-1030
Finance C. Chair: Tressa Powers	355-6206
Altar S. President: Nanette Rice	355-7676
Grand Knight: Tom Bachman	640-8259
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& Nanette Rice	355-7676
Vocation Team: Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
Youth Director: Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131

Question: I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer: In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

Mon, Oct 20	5:30 pm	† Mary Ann Scramek
Tue, Oct 21	9:30 am	† Richard Randolph
Wed, Oct 22	8:30 am	@ Syracuse
Thurs, Oct 23	12:15 pm	† Maria Nhiem
Fri, Oct 24	8:00 pm	† Cahoj Grandparents
Sat, Oct 25	4: 00 pm	For Healing Beltran F.
Sun, Oct 26	9:00 am	† Heather Vittetau

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10/18/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Cecilia Harris

Extra Ordinary of HC: Bill & Janet Rooney

10/19/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Hannah Schauf

Extra Ordinary of HC: Toby & Jessica Luhman- Fuller

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10/25/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

Extra Ordinary of HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

10/26/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Extra Ordinary of HC: Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick: Celebrated anytime calling a priest.